

## Move Weighed to Open File on Cuba Invasion

By the Associated Press

The State Department was reported today weighing the possibility of releasing long-secret testimony taken in a 1961 senatorial investigation of the Cuban invasion disaster.

The testimony, recorded in closed-door sessions by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was said to have produced unanimity among high administration officials that no United States air cover was promised invading refugees.

But Senators who heard the officials or read the record said it remained unclear whether three non-United States air strikes had been planned and one or more canceled—a point Senate Republican Leader Dirksen has been belaboring in a personal investigation.

Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, called yesterday for release of all of the testimony which would not affect national security.

Senator Hickenlooper, a Foreign Relations committeeman, said there were "a number of unreconcilables" in the testimony. Secretary of State Rusk, Allen W. Dulles, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, were among the witnesses.

Senator Hickenlooper said release of the testimony had been discussed by Foreign Relations Committee members. But he said no formal action had been taken it was learned,

however, that the transcript has been sent to State Department officials for renewed study.

"I would give great weight to the security people and their comments on what could be published," Senator Hickenlooper said. "I would not want to see anything published that would adversely affect our security. But I would be perfectly willing for the rest of it to be published."

Senator Aiken, Republican of Vermont, a committee member who heard the testimony, said he would not object to its publication although he would not urge it.

"Anybody could prove almost any point he wanted to by it," Senator Aiken said in a separate interview.

Among other things, he said it added up to the fact that while "certainly the invaders expected air cover," the witnesses took a united position that "we never promised United States Air Force personnel to provide it."

Senator Dirksen said in an interview that "statements are flooding in from all over the country about what went wrong. I am assembling a very interesting file which I will lay before the Senate Republican Policy Committee soon for whatever action it wants to take."

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